Dear Neighbor,

I have included some important information on this postcard about Medicare Part D, the new federal prescription drug plan. I have included answers to some common questions and also have provided you with useful phone numbers so that you can make further inquiries. It is important to remember that the deadline for choosing a plan without incurring a penalty is May 15, 2006.

As the General Assembly considers proposals to adjust our budget and make changes to our tax system, it is important to remember that many initiatives affect seniors directly. Additionally, ConnPACE, Dial-A-Ride and other programs that assist elderly residents must be protected. As your state Senator and as Senate President Pro Tempore, I can assure you that the General Assembly fully recognizes these responsibilities.

I invite you to call or write my office if you have a special concern or simply would like to share your opinion with me.

Sincerely,

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Medicare Part D Plan

The Basics

- There may be up to a \$250 annual deductible, depending on the Part D plan you choose.
- For prescription drug bills ranging from \$251 to \$2,250, Medicare will pay 75% of the costs and you will pay 25%.
- There will be no Medicare coverage for prescription bills costing \$2,250 to \$5,100 during any particular year.
- With respect to prescription drugs costing more than \$5,100, Medicare will pay 95% and you will pay 5%.

Additionally...

In order to get the benefits without paying a penalty, you must pick a private prescription plan by May 15, for which you will owe a premium, depending on the plan, ranging from \$7.32 to \$65.58 per month. The plan you choose should be determined by the prescription drugs you need.

If you are enrolled in a retiree or other private health plan, you may retain those benefits and not need Medicare Part D coverage, if your own health plan provides prescription drug coverage. If you drop or lose your current health plan, then you may decide to enroll in one of the Medicare prescription drug plans.



Medicare	1-800-633-4227
CHOICES (health insurance information and referral service)	1-800-994-9422
CT Long Term Care Ombudsman	1-866-388-1888
CT Home Care Program for Elders	1-800-445-5394
Eastern CT Area on Aging	1-800-690-6998
Infoline	211
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